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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

**Michael HOURN; Rodrigo VENTURA;
John WILLIS and David WINBORNE**

Serial No: **09/831,355**

Group Art Unit: **1742**

Filed : **May 14, 2001**

Examiner: **M.J. Andrews**

For : **METHOD FOR TREATING PRECIOUS
METAL BEARING MINERALS**

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 16, 2004, please amend the above-noted application as follows: